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Filed: July 15, 2003)	
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For: CONTROL SYSTEM AND)	
METHOD FOR A VALVE)	
ACTUATOR)	

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Sir:

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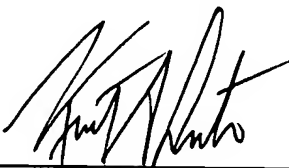
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